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Iraq-Iran Fighting

Iraqi Initiative--On 22 September Iraq launched air raids on at least 10 major Iranian military installations, thus widening the theater of operations in its conflict with Iran and expanding the border fighting between the two states into an undeclared war. Among the Iranian military bases and airports hit in at least two sorties reported in communiques issued by the Iraqi General Command, carried by Baghdad radio, were Mehrabad Airport in Tehran and facilities in Shiraz, Bushehr, Dezful, Hamadan, Esfahan, Tabriz, Omidiyeh, Kermanshah and Ahvaz. The Iraqi attack followed in escalation of the border fighting on 20 and 21 September, especially in the Shatt al-'Arab estuary which witnessed major artillery and naval clashes during that period as Iraq backed up with force its claim to sovereignty over the river and its littoral zone.

Iraq's expansion of the fighting to include military targets deep inside Iran was announced by the Revolution Command Council in a statement broadcast simultaneously over Baghdad radio's Domestic Service, its Voice of the Masses and Kurdish services and Baghdad television. The statement said that by persisting in their "misguided policies" and "rash retalitory military operations," hindering navigation in the Shatt al-'Arab, launching "intensive and wide-scale" air raids against the Iraqi Army and declaring a general alert and closing their airspace, the Iranians had "widened the circle of military conflict and carried the situation to an all-out war." The statement said that the Iraqi Armed Forces have been ordered to "deal deterrent blows" to Iranian military targets in response to Iran's "serious acts of aggression" against the Iraqi Armed Forces, economic installations and maritime routes. It also said Iraq will avoid striking civilian targets unless Iran continues to kill civilians in Iraq. The Revolution Command Council indicated that Iraqi ground troops intend to capture Iranian territory beyond what Iraq perceives to be its legitimate national borders, saying that Iraqi troops will "withdraw from Iranian territory in which our presence is necessitated by our defensive military requirements and army's security" as soon as Iran recognizes and respects Iraqi sovereignty and national interests. This strategy was confirmed by a General Command communique, broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio on 23 September, which stated that Iraqi forces have advanced toward "designated targets" in order to gain control of "vital positions inside Iran." The Revolution Command Council statement also emphasized what Iraq considers to be the pan-Arab nature of the conflict, calling the Iraqis to battle in the name of past Arab Muslim heroes and telling them that this is a mission placed on their shoulders by "Iraq and the Arabs."

Aside from expanding upon mobilization orders announced as far back as 17 September in the Baghdad newspaper ATH-THAWRAH, monitored Iraqi media have not announced extensive domestic measures to prepare for total war. The Interior Ministry issued a circular over Baghdad radio that, noting the "critical circumstances" the country is passing through, asked the citizenry to reduce interior lighting and refrain from using exterior lighting but to adhere to a "total blackout" only upon hearing air raid sirens. According to Jerusalem radio, Iraq closed its airspace early in the afternoon of 22 September.

Iranian Response--Within hours of the Iraqi attack, Tehran radio carried statements by Aytollah Khomeyni, President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and Prime Minister Mohammad Raja'i. A common theme in their messages to the people was that Iraq is acting at the behest of the United States. Khomeyni said President Saddam Husayn is attacking Iran "in order to support Carter and to receive a medal from him," and he added that if Iraq confronts Iran, it will be harming Islam "in support of blasphemy, in support of Saddam, in support of Carter." Khomeyni alleged that Iran's unforgivable offense in Saddam Husayn's view is that "we are opposed to America." Bani-Sadr charged that the Ba'thist regime in Iraq is "totally obedient to the superpower America" and that it is expanding the "dimensions of America's aggression." Raja'i stated that "international colonialism, headed by aggressive America," is using Iraq's Ba'th government to attack Iran. A Foreign Ministry statement carried by Tehran radio also directly blamed the United States for the Iraqi aggression, calling the Iraqi sorties a "military attack by America."

In his speech Khomeyni, while claiming that Iraq has 'officially declared war" on Iran, projected a calm attitude toward the military escalation, saying that the nation "should not imagine that a war has begun and we have lost control of the situation." According to him, the Iraqis "just came here, dropped a bomb and fled." Khomeyni implied that Iran would not yet massively respond to the Iraqi attack but noted that "when the time is ripe I will send the nation a message." Khomeyni made it clear that he is relucant to harm the Iraqi nation. but he stated that "if Iraq does not recognize its own limits and repeats the aggression," Iran is able and determined to "issue the order." However, Khomeyni said the armed forces will not "take serious action until the issue becomes critical," but if it reaches that point "they will start to work" and put Iraq "in its place."

Both Bani-Sadr and Raja'i also sought to assure the nation that the situation is not critical. Both affirmed that the air attacks had caused minimal damage and that Iraqi losses are far higher than those suffered by Iran. Bani-Sadr said that Iraq attempted a preemptive strike similar to the Israeli action in Egypt before the 1967 war, under the "illusion that we were unaware," but that Iraq had been completely unsuccessful. Raja'i assured the people that the "Muslim and revolutionary nation and the Islamic revolution have not come to an end" and that "these confrontations will make us more organized, experienced, determined and aware."

In a major international repercussion of the escalation of the conflict, the Iranian Joint Staff announced in one of many statements broadcast by Tahran radio that the "Strait of Hormuz and the northern coasts of the Persian Gulf are under the control" of the Iranian Armed Forces, but he did not say that they have been closed. The Iraqi Revolution Command Council promptly responded to this, declaring that by controlling and restricting use of the strait, Iran has demonstrated "premeditated determination" to be hostile toward Iraq and the Arabs. The council said Iran's action means a "declaration of total war and the preparation of suitable conditions for the intervention of foreign forces in the area's affairs," and it warned that Iraq will take "all suitable measures" to force Iran to obey international law. In a later statement the Iranian Joint Staff specifically ordered the closure of the Shatt al-'Arab.

The joint staff in another statement also warned the UAE and "some shaykhdoms in the Persian Gulf area" not to allow "mercenaries of the Ba'thist government" to use their airports or harbors against Iran. The statement declared: "It is hereby announced that any such use of harbor or airport facilities of the above-mentioned countries against the Islamic Republic of Iran will be answered by the fighting forces of Iran in defense. The Islamic Republic of Iran will not accept any responsibility against the nonobservance of the points mentioned in this statement." An article published in the Kuwaiti paper AL-WATAN, reported by KUNA, but written before the latest escalation in the dispute, disclosed that the Arab countries in the gulf have "officially informed" Iraq of their "preparedness" to open their ports to Iraqi naval units to help Iraq protect its regional waters.

In other statements issued by the joint staff, Iran claimed it has shot down a significant number of Iraqi MiG's and that Iraqi ground units and military installations have suffered "heavy casualties and damage." The joint staff said that "most of Iraq's military targets in the border areas have been under the fire of artillery, aircraft and tanks," and that a gas refinery and oil installations as well as military positions have been destroyed. According to an Iraqi General Command statement, carried by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio, Iranian planes strafed Baghdad, Nineveh, Basra and An-Nasiriyah. Iran, however, in a broadcast over Tehran radio's Arabic service, denied attacking these cities.

Despite the calm confidence exhibited by Khomeyni, Bani-Sadr and Raja'i and Khomeyni's implication that he had yet to let loose the full fury of the Iranian military, joint staff statements and announcements broadcast by Tehran radio throughout 22 September indicate that Iran was mobilizing on a full war footing. Military units were dispatched to their "allotted destinations" and citizens urged not to gather in front of their barracks or impede troop movements; troops in Tehran were ordered to remain in place. Highway transportation workers were put on 24-hour alert, "all waterways near the Iranian shores" were declared "war zones" and lackout regulations were put into effect. Also, in its first announcement after the Iraqi air raids, the radio urged the public "not to create a false climate by spreading false reports and thus presenting the situation as tense." All three leaders in their 22 September statements in effect reiterated this appeal not to panic.

Regional Reaction--Iraq has received strong messages of support only from the YAR and Jordan. According to INA, YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih Expressed the "readiness" of the YAR to offer "all necessary assistance." According to Amman radio, King Husayn phoned Saddam Husayn with assurances of Jordan's "sure support," and Jerusalem radio reported that Jordan has permitted "several" Iraqi Planes to land in Jordan to spare them from Iranian attacks on Iraqi airbases. The radio said that Israel received a request from Jordan, through the United States, not to treat the presence of these Iraqi planes as a threat. Amman radio also reported that King Husayn has telephoned President Hafiz al-Asad and Crown Prince Fahd and that both agreed with the king to watch the emerging situation "with full keenness as to what the joint Arab responsibility dictates."

According to the Kuwaiti paper AL-WATAN, Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Arab gulf are conducting "extensive contacts to formulate a united stand" on the Iraqi-Iranian dispute and are expected to announce their position "shortly." Also, an official spokesman for Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat appealed to the leaders of the two countries to stop fighting and "utilize their efforts and resources for the welfare and strength of their peoples."

'Aziz USSR Trip--INA reported that Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq 'Aziz departed from the USSR after talks with CPSU Politburo candidate member Boris Ponomarev. INA said only that the two had discussed "bilateral relations and international issues of common interest."

American Hostages

Baghdad radio's Voice of the Masses on 23 September reported that "the release of the hostages by the puppet Persian regime was announced today without conditions." The radio said that the release debunks all "false slogans and all false claims" used by the Tehran "rulers" as excuses for occupying the U.S. Embassy and detaining the hostages, thus exposing their "false hostility to U.S. imperialism." It added that this proves that the Tehran authorities "will remain sincere agents of U.S. imperialism and its CIA." However, Tehran radio's Arabic service, noting that "Carter thinks the cowardly Ba'thist aggression will persuade the Islamic republic to release the hostages," reported that the Majlis on 23 September "decided to freeze the hostages issue during this period."

AFP reported that Majlis Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani has confirmed that some of the hostages are still being detained in the U.S. Embassy by revealing that Majlis deputies visiting the embassy might meet them. The deputies were supposed to visit the embassy in two shifts on 22 September to observe "U.S. espionage equipment." Tehran radio reported that the first group visited in the morning. No meeting with the hostages was mentioned. The second group's visit was not reported.

The London Arabic-language paper "8 Days," cited by AFP, reported that Ayatollah Khomeyni has decided to release the hostages within 6 weeks in order to "force a consensus" between the two rival factions in Tehran. The newspaper, however, gave no sources for its information.

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KARMAL MESSAGE TO WORLD PARLIAMENT ATTACKS U.S. IMPERIALISM

LD222227 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee, of the Revolution Council and prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] has sent the following message addressed to the participants of the World Parliament of People for Peace which is scheduled to be held from 23 to 27 September, 1980 at the invitation of the WPC in Sofia.

Respected participants of the World Parliament of People for Peace. During these critical moments of relations between the nations and people, when the militarist imperialist powers have begun new conspiracies against international peace and stability, while the international solidarity of the powers of peace and progress are becoming more definite, practical and powerful and are forming a broad international front against their warmongering and destructive efforts, the establishment of the World Parliament of People for Peace constitutes a very important and historic duty. We are now living at a time when imperialism is weakening and is confused because of its internal contradictions and the enhancement of the progressive movements. It embarks on irrational and unwise reactions; wears the uniforms of war; sets in motion war (?propaganda) and embarks on a lunatic propaganda war. Once again imperialism engages in the destruction of the achievements of detente. The imperialists upset the present balance of power, which constitutes the necessary basis for arms limitation, and adjusted their military forces in open preparation for a new world war. It is also expanding its relationship with the hegemonistic and expansionistic leadership of China in this effort.

In this situation and under these kinds of conditions, it is necessary to further broaden and further strengthen the ranks of the peace and progress camp to defend the successful revolutionary movements and to be able to stop the complete destruction of humanity. We welcome the first World Parliament of People for Peace, its efforts and its necessary and beneficial actions for peace; we grant a special value to it. Our region has been transformed into a very dangerous and critical center of war in the world because of the long term policies of policymakers to increase arms and because of the direct military presence of the United States. This fact leaves us with a struggle for the peace and security of the people as our primary concern. The national liberation movements and progressive, revolutionary and democratic forces don't underestimate the struggle for peace and stability of the people of these countries and the protection of their lives and of their working interests. They value the protection of their independent, democratic and progressive regimes from the harm of world-devouring imperialism. U.S. imperialism has made efforts in recent years to strengthen and establish military bases with the assistance of the decadent, despotic and dictorial regional regimes. In the eyes of the masses of our region, under the pretext of imaginary external dangers, it has portrayed itself as the defender of the freedom of the people. These futile efforts, of the imperialists, [word indistinct] in our country, by the direct and open interference of this criminal, and its shameless and open encroachment on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the people of Iran, is melting as ice in the sun. Our people rise up in struggle against imperialism, in particular against U.S. imperialism, more than ever. They distinguish their international enemies from their international friends and they know the antiprogressive and antidemocratic goals of the increasingly aggressive imperialist military forces in our region against the socialist countries, especially against the USSR.

Despite all the defeated hue and cry of imperialism, the people of Afghanistan do not see any obstacle against peace and security in the region because of their revolution, in particular in its new stage of development. They value the toppling of the bloodthirsty facist regime of Amin as a step towards the consolidation of peace in the region. They have many hopes for the consolidation of peace and for the continuous understanding between the people of the region because of the constructive initiatives and proposals of their government. Our people believe that we do not threaten the independence, sovereignty or security of any country. We are not only desirous of peace, but we need it very badly. We believe that our neighbors, especially Iran and Pakistan, will present firm guarantees for a peaceful and secure future between our people. We point out that only as a result of such initiatives and such talks will it be possible to resolve all issues of interest including the return of the limited military contingents in our country. This is the only alternative that can bring (?peace) and true stability in the region in the interests of the people. Now, more than ever, the struggle against war and against imperialism has become intensified. Imperialism has lost forever its base of power and its return as a (?new power) is not possible anymore. Our region has great opportunities to be transformed into a core of peace, if only we shall be aware, wise and united and shall isolate still further the warmongering forces of imperialism with a common effort.

Let the deepest and strongest unity of the democratic and progressive forces of the world be created in the course of struggle for the purpose of peace. Let U.S. imperialism become shamed with its head lowered through our strong determination, as we finally take out its [word indistinct] arms from our region.

I pray once again for the success of the work of the World Parliament of People for Peace. [Signed] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, chairman of the Revolution Council and prime minister of the DRA.

KARMAL PRESIDES OVER REVOLUTION COUNCIL MEETING

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[Text] The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] Revolution Council's third session was held today at 1630 in accordance with Article 38 of the DRA basic principles at the Revolution Council headquarters. It was presided over by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee, chairman of the Revolution Council and DRA prime minister. After the recitation of few verses from the Holy Koran by [name indistinct], the session was opened and began its work with the playing of the DRA national anthem. A report of the Revolution Council's third session, which is presently continuing, will be given to the compatriots later on.

ARTISTS CONGRESS CONVENES IN KABUL, LEADERS ATTEND

Nur Reads Karmal Message

LD222320 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Excerpts] The Constituent Congress of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan's [DRA] Union of Artists was opened today in a grand ceremony in Kabul's Nandari Theater. The message of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee, chairman of the Revolution Council and prime minister of the DRA, which he sent to the DRA Union of Artists' Constituent Congress on behalf of the party Central Committee, the Revolution Council and the government, was read by Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and member of the Secretariat.

[Begin Nur Ahmad Nur recording] Respected friends and comrades; esteemed members of the presidium, the message of the PDPA Central Committee and the DRA Revolutionary Council and Government to the first Constituent Congress of the DRA Union of Artists reads as follows: To the DRA Union of Artists' Constituent Congress' respected participants and capable artists.

You who possess a high capacity of national wealth: The PDPA Central Committee and DRA Revolutionary Council and Government send you and the country's artists warm greetings on the occasion of this historic and imporatnt event and wish you success.

At this moment all the patriotic and progressive forces of our country are rallying around our party and their solidarity is increasing. In accordance with the PDPA Central Committee resolutions, necessary measures have been considered and adopted toward the complete elimination of the enemies of the Sawr Revolution. [passage indistinct] [end recording]

Attending the opening ceremony of the Constituent Congress of the DRA Union of Artists were member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and Director of the Organizing Committee of the Union of Afghan Creative Intellectuals Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray; member of the party Central Committee Politburo, Vice President of the Revolution Council and Deputy Prime Minister Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand; some members of the PDPA Central Committee; some members of the Revolution Council and of the Council of Ministers and high-ranking government officials.

At the beginning of the ceremony a few verses of the Koran were read, followed by the playing of the DRA national anthem. The participants then stood and observed 1 minute's silence to commemorate those artists who lost their lives in realizing the lofty ideals of the Sawr Revolution.

Majid Addresses Congress

LD221902 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1630 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Speech by Information and Culture Minister 'Abdol Majid Sarboland at the Constituent Congress of Afghan Artists in Kabul on 22 September--live or recorded]

[Excerpt] In accordance with the resolutions of the Third People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee Plenum the necessary resolute and decisive measures have been taken in the struggle against counterrevolution and for the maintenance of social order throughout the country. There is no doubt that the armed bands and counterrevolutionaries, who are active in secret, will be completely crushed with the active cooperation of the masses. This will eliminate the basic obstacle which has impeded the development and progress of the country's economy and culture and will raise the people's standard of living.

Despite the enemies' conspiracies, Democratic Afghanistan has (?changed) objectively and has become an important factor in the Asian people's struggle against international imperialism, led by U.S. imperialism and its collaborators.

In the second stage of the Sawr Revolution the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has announced a series of important measures in its foreign policy, which are effective in the peaceful solution of relations among countries of the region and which have been welcomed by the world's progressive forces.

We are not alone in this just struggle: Our loyal and tested friend, the USSR, is on our side. The USSR has always agreed to our requests at all tough times to grant us all kinds of assistance, and it sent its limited military contingents at the request of the people and Government of Afghanistan in order to defend revolutionary Afghanistan against foreign attacks. This selfless aid by the USSR is assisting us in the building of a new and peaceful life. [applause]

FOREIGN MINISTER DOST, GROMYKO MEET IN NEW YORK

LD201530 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 20 Sep 80

[Text] DRA Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost met with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko in New York. Both sides talked about international issues and problems related to the present session of the United Nations. The talks were held in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Both sides expressed a unity of views on external hostile acts and internal interference in Afghanistan's affairs, its territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence and the defense of the objectives of the Sawr Revolution. Both sides once again emphasized that the political solution to the situation lies in a total cessation of foreign interference with guarantees for its nonresumption and, in accordance with the proposals of 2 April 1980, with agreements being reached between Afghanistan and its neighbors, beginning with Pakistan.

U.S., PRC-MADE ARMS SEIZED FROM BANDITS

LD161714 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 18 Sep 80

[Text] A group of mercenaries and highway robbers who for some time were looting the properties of the toiling people of Pashtun Lowt District in Faryab Province and who were disturbing the peace have recently been captured by the security forces and party activists, with the cooperation of the people of the area.

These mercenaries and highway robbers who had stolen property from one house in (Kondiqal'ah) in Pashtun Kowt District and had hidden it in the house of (Sayyed Ghulam Naqshband), a resident of (Qaidah Qaitat) in that district, were apprehended by the security forces of the area. The property has been returned to its owner in accordance with legal procedures. A reliable source says that in (Sayyed Ghulam Naqshband's house--who himself was one of the robbers--several Chinese and American arms and considerable quantity of ammunition were discovered in addition to the stolen goods. (Naqshband) and one of his accomplices, (Ghawsuddin), are under interrogation.

Further Report

LD211714 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 21 Sep 80

[Text] A number of highway robbers and counterrevolutionary elements, who were threatening travelers along the road between Qonduz and Archi Districts and stealing their money and belongings, were captured recently by the security authorities and party activists of Qonduz province. A source from Qonduz Province said that a quantity of U.S. and Chinese-made arms were seized from these criminals.

NATIONAL SECURITY ORDINANCE PROMULGATED TO MAINTAIN ORDER

BK230307 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] The president has promulgated the national security ordinance of 1980 enabling the central government to detain any person if it is satisfied that it is necessary to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the defense of India or the security of the nation. The ordinance also enables the central and state governments to detain a person in the interest of maintaining public order, supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

The ordinance contains safeguards against its misuse and insures justice and fair play to the person detained. The grounds for detention have to be communicated to the person detained within 5 days and in exceptional circumstances within 10 days. The detained person would be provided an opportunity to make a representation. The central government as well as the state governments will constitute advisory boards on the recommendations of the chief justice of the appropriate high court. The boards will have a minimum of three members including the chairman who has to be a serving judge. The board will review all detention orders and can call for additional information from any source. The detention will continue only if an advisory board agrees with the reasons for detention. The maximum period of detention will be 12 months but it can be revoked or modified at an earlier time.

The ordinance does not bar approach to a court for the protection of fundamental rights.

Explaining the reasons for the ordinance, the government says that the interested parties are trying to engineer agitations on different issues. The government notification says that in the prevailing situation of communal disharmony, extremist activities, atrocities on scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, minorities and other weaker sections of the society, it has become necessary to arm the administration with legal powers to meet the challenges.

The ordinance comes into force today. The government is issuing detailed guidelines to state governments to insure that the ordinance is used properly and only in the interest of its objectives.

Lok Dal leader Madhu Limaye, talking to PTI, expressed the fear that it will be used against the opposition. Janata Party General Secretary Subramaniam Swamy has said that the ordinance was unnecessary. Leaders of the Bombay unit of Bharatiya Janata Party and Gujrat unit of the Janata Party have also criticized the ordinance.

KHOMEYNI, BANI-SADR, RAJA'I DISCUSS CONFLICT WITH IRAQ

LD222331 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2119 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] PARS reports that Dr Seyyed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president and commander in chief of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Mr Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i, prime minister, met and conferred with Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at 1730. The same report says that today's incidents between Iran and Iraq were reviewed.

Khomeyni Message

LD222254 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2035 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Message from Ayatollah Khomeyni to the students, the Muslim nation of Iran and the Muslim people and Armed Forces of Iraq--recorded, duration 17 minutes]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. At this juncture, when Iranian schools should open, and I hope that our youths and children will go to school with faith in Islam and the Islamic Republic and start their work, we should caution those groups which want to stop schools from opening, the effect that at this time, when Iran is in such a situation and Iraq has officially declared war on us, if you are right in saying that you are with the people and are faithful to the masses you yourselves should cooperate with the Government of Iran in this matter. Even if you do create disturbances in the schools your true nature will be revealed even better to the Iranian nation. At this juncture, when Iran is involved in a war with America and the puppet of America has launched an aggression against Iran, if you disturb the opening of schools or spread rumors, then it will be obvious that you are agents of America and collaborators of the vile Saddam Husayn. Therefore, our nation should take note of these matters calmly and diligently.

Some points should be mentioned: One is that our nation should not think that the Army of Iran is unable to respond to these people. When the time is ripe, I will send the nation a message and we will prove to Saddam Husayn and others like him that they, these American satellites, are not worthy of mention and we always believe that in this kind of confrontation we should respond and behave in such a way that, God forbid, no harm is done to the nation of Iraq. But we are able and determined, if Iraq does not recognize its own limits and repeats the aggression, to issue the order, and the nation will be mobilized and then it will be clear to the nation of Iraq that we do not have anything against it. Rather it is Saddam Husayn who according to orders from America attacked us. If we respond to him it will not have anything to do with the people of Iraq, who are our brothers.

Today I heard that man's voice, that is to say, I heard his statement. Apparently he has just been converted to Islam, since he invoked Imam 'Ali and Imam Hoseyn, peace be upon them, and tried to deceive people. He is not aware that the nation of Iraq knows him, and ever since this socialist government came to power and the late Ayatollah Hakim condemned it, the nation of Iraq has known it, and later on it was identified by its actions. It executed the great ulema of Iraq. He who turns to the Iraqi nation--and these people crushed the nation of Iraq--this Saddam Husayn, from when he first came to power people found out that he was mad, and that his brain does not work properly. Therefore, he acts in madness, which will result in his death.

I have one message to the nation of Iran and another for the nation and the Army of Iraq. O for the nation of Iran I have this message: That it should not believe that the Armed Forces of Iran are unable to stop these people. The Army of Iran and the Armed Forces of Iran, our dear guards, are ready for this matter. But they will not act seriously, until the issue becomes critical. The day this issue becomes critical, they will start to work seriously and will put Iraq in its place. The nation of Iran should not imagine that a war has begun and we have lost control of the situation. No, this is not true. They just came here, dropped a bomb and then fled. Now the Government of Iran is preparing to stop them; their navy has been completely destroyed and their other forces will be destroyed.

You should not think that this is anything important. From all these wars which have happened some have been inflicted on Iran [words indistinct]. Therefore, this does not present a problem, if our enemies, all the various rebels in Iran, these groups and little gatherings in Iran, if they are looking for an opportunity to spread rumors here and there that such and such a thing has happened, there has been a coup, these are not true. They came and dropped a bomb and then fled. They thought that if they were to repeat this (we would allow them).

I ask the Iranian nation to take notice of a few points. First of all, they should maintain their calm and should not imagine that anything has happened. Nothing has happened. They should not pay any attention to it. [Passage indistinct] (Another point is) that those persons who are against Islam and who from the start were against the Islamic Republic are now spreading the rumor that the Iranian forces, the Iranian Army, and the Iranian gendarmerie are indulging in sabotage, and are thus encouraging you to oppose them. No, it is not so. The Iranian Army, the Iranian gendarmerie are loyal to us and are engaged in crushing Iraq. You should not imagine, you should not allow them to make you believe that the garrisons, for instance, have done such a thing. This is not allowed and is one of the great sins in Islam and is contrary to the will of God. Do not pay any attention to them. If anyone is found causing such incitement arrest him and hand him over to the existing committees. Hand them over to the committees so that they may receive their due punishment.

This is what I have to say to the Iranian nation. They should be calm and fear nothing. There is no room for fear at all. This is nothing to be afraid of. This is my message to the Iranian nation: to maintain their calm and also to prevent these rumormongers. They should pay no attention at all to these rumors. I am in touch. All the issues are reported to me. Today, the president and the prime minister came to me and reported to me. Whenever the need arises for mobilization--God willing, the need will not arise for such a thing.

What I wish to say to the Iraqi Armed Forces is whom does the Iraqi Army wish to fight with? Whom do they support and whom do they oppose? Are they supporting Saddam, who is a socialist [eshteraki] and an infidel, and against whom, against Islam? The Iraqi Army should know that this person who has come and refers to the name of 'Ali ibn Abi-Talib, God's blessings be upon him, is their enemy. This man is their enemy and the enemy of Islam. The Iraqi Army should know that this war is a war against Islam in support of blasphemy. Such a war is against the wishes of God and God the Almighty, the all blessed, will not forgive those who fight against Islam in order to support blasphemy.

According to the religious verdict Saddam Husayn himself is an infidel and he is also supporting the infidels, he is supporting blasphemy. He is supporting Carter, and in order to support Carter and to receive a (medal) from him he is attacking Iran.

Carter has incited his servants like Saddam Husayn, As-Sadat and their ilk to attack Iran and to harm Iran. The Iraqi nation and our nation should know that if, God forbid, they confront Iran, if the Iraqi Army confronts Iran, it will be a confrontation with Islam, harming Islam and harming the prophet of Islam in support of blasphemy, in support of Saddam, in support of Carter.

And the Iraqi nation should know that this germ of corruption is acting toward you in exactly in the same way as Mohammad Reza acted toward Iran. We overcame Mohammad Reza and you should also expel this man from Iraq. So long as you have not arisen and so long as you have not confronted this germ of corruption, he will want to destroy Islam and to become [words indistinct] according to his imagination. [Passage indistinct] He wants to open the hand of America in the Islamic countries and (it is our duty) to oppose America. The offense which is unforgivable in Saddam Husayn's view is that we are opposed to America. Therefore, he wishes to [words indistinct].

We are spreading the Koran in our country; we are implementing Islamic teachings in our country instead of the previously existing laws; as a result this man regards us as (unclean) and regards himself, who is against Islam and against the Muslims, as a supporter of 'Ali ibn Abi-Talib, may God's blessings be upon him, and a supporter of the prophet of God.

The Iraqi nation should know that this man is a dangerous man for the Iraqi nation. He is too dangerous for the Iraqi nation, although he cannot do any harm to our nation. He is dangerous for the Iraqi nation; and the Iraqi nation should try with all its power to destroy this corrupt person and to destroy this group which is acting against Islam and against Islamic interests and against the Koran. The soldiers and officers of the Iraqi Army should know that the war against Iran is a war against Islam, it is a war against the Koran, it is a war against the prophet of God. This is one of the greatest sins and God the Almighty and all blessed will not forgive this.

You should do the same thing which the Iranian Army did with the former shah; in the same way that they forsook him and joined the nation, and the soldiers left the barracks and joined the nation, you should also flee and [words indistinct] to destroy this germ of corruption. God will assist you if you arise and destroy this person and put someone from among yourselves in his place. We will also be on your side if someone from among yourselves, from your nation, governs the Iraqi Government, not someone who is busy acting against Islam and against the Islamic interests. You should destroy this corrupt person and join the nation. The Iraqi nation never supports Saddam Husayn. The Iraqi nation supports Islam. A person who is for Islam, a person who is a follower of the Koran [words indistinct], a person who does not wish to be ruled by an infidel who lives in the shelter of the infidels and who continues his existence in the shelter of Carter and those like Carter, he will not agree with such a person. I advise the Iraqi Army, if they can, to rise against this man and destroy him, and to replace him themselves, and we shall support them. If this is not possible for them, they should desert and should not fight against Islam.

I also tell the Iraqi nation that it should arise with all its might against that person who is fighting against Islam. His campaign against Iran is the campaign of an infidel against a Muslim; it is the uprising of a blasphemous country against an Islamic country. You should fight against that man with all your strength and destroy him.

If, God forbid, these actions by Saddam Husayn and the masters of Saddam Husayn continue, I shall clarify the duty of the Iranian nation. I hope it will not come to this point, but if it comes to that there will no longer be a Baghdad.

May God's peace and blessings be upon you.

Khomeyni on Rumormongers, Press, Unity

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["Text" of 23 September message to the nation, the Armed Forces and responsible authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran by Ayatollah Khomeyni--read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful: The following are announced:

1. The command council must be thoroughly obeyed, and violators must be prosecuted and punished quickly and decisively.

2. Persons and irresponsible officials must avoid interfering with command issues and refrain from command operations; and the commander in chief of the armed forces is responsible for war affairs on behalf of myself and the command council.

3. Under present conditions, military courts are forbidden from announcing verdicts without my knowledge in cases where the command council deems such verdicts as inappropriate.

4. Radio and television are dutybound to announce only the news which is proven to be 100 percent correct; they must not quote news from unreliable sources, to prevent panic and anxiety.

5. The security forces are dutybound to arrest immediately those who spread rumors, regardless of the strata or group to which they might belong. They must be handed over to the revolution courts, which must punish them as counterrevolutionaries. The militant people of Iran are dutybound to identify the rumorspreaders to the revolution courts and to cooperate with the security forces.

6. Under present circumstances, the press and newspapers are dutybound to refrain from publishing articles and news which might weaken the armed forces, because the weakening of these forces is unacceptable both from the religious and logical points of view, and because such action would help the counterrevolutionaries. I have always supported our dear armed forces, and today when they are engaged at the front in fighting the pagan Saddam Husayn, I thank them and appreciate their efforts, and I beseech God Almighty to grant them success and victory.

7. (?At present) all sectors of society and all government organs are religiously dutybound to forget their minor discords so that they do not help the enemies of Islam with their disagreements.

May peace be upon you.

[Signed] Ruhollah Mosavi Khomeyni, 23 September 1980

Bani-Sadr Speech

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[Speech by Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr--date, place not given; live or recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Tonight I want to talk briefly to the people of Iraq and the Muslims of the world, my own compatriots, and finally to the armed forces.

The people of Iraq, the Muslim people of the world, the Ba'thist regime of Iraq [word indistinct]. Since the victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran until this moment, we have never intended to attack the Ba'thist Government of Iraq. The notion has always existed that the Armed Forces of Iraq were the forces which had fought together with our armed forces for the liberation of our land.

We, with this consideration in mind, tried to avoid military confrontations as much as possible, and did not want to help create such a situation since clashes on our borders could help increase the pressure from Israel on our positions. It was obvious to us that the Ba'thist Government of Iraq, totally obedient to the superpower America, had no goal but to inflict damage on our Islamic Revolution and to confront the government of our revolutionary regime with new problems every day. From 1 and 1/2 months ago onwards, our fears came true and the Ba'thist regime of Iraq started aggression on the borders. The Government of Iraq tells you, it tells you the people of Iraq that the forces of Iran have attacked Iraq, and that the Ba'thist Government of Iraq has only defended itself. This is an obvious lie. Not only on the border has the Ba'thist Government of Iraq started the aggression, but since the first day of the victory of the revolution, the Ba'thist Government of Iraq has done nothing short of corruption and sabotage inside our borders.

A few minutes ago they said through the Palestinian Embassy that they only intended to regain what has been given to them according to the 1975 Algiers agreement. We in turn said that they were lying and that their work was nothing but an extensive conspiracy against the Islamic Republic, and that we knew this from past experience and that we were ready to confront this conspiracy.

This brief talk was for you, Iraqi brothers and the world's Muslims, to know that a regime with a revolutionary appearance is in fact an accomplice of the domination-seeking America and has started an aggression on our territory and today has given it new dimensions.

Saddam Husayn today tried, as an imitator of Moshe Dayan, to attack our airports, thinking that we are immature and careless and thinking that his planes can hit our airports and cripple our air force. What happened was their loss of many planes and he was not able to do the least damage to our bases.

Now my talk to the Iranian people. First of all, a few statistics about the armed clashes which from the first day to now explain the military events which have taken place. These statistics are not the statistics which have been claimed by our armed forces. On the contrary, these are facts which we have obtained from the Ba'thist regime of Iraq itself.

Up to today, 244 Iraqi Ba'thist soldiers have been killed, 11 have sought asylum with us, 11 of their MiG fighters have been downed and they have lost 6 helicopters and 21 tanks. They have also lost two [words indistinct], one gunboat which is apparently one of the 12 or 13 very strong gunboats which they possess. On our side, 22 Iranian soldiers have been captured and we have lost 3 planes, 1 helicopter, 11 tanks and 3 boats. I hope that the information which I have given you is as truthful as possible.

They attacked our airports, thinking that we were unaware, that they could do to our airports what Moshe Dayan's army and the Israeli Air Force, with the help of the CIA, did to Egypt's airports. As best as I am able to tell you, four Iraqi missile boats have been sunk 15 miles outside of Bushehr. They have definitely lost four aircraft, of course the figures I am mentioning are less than the actual figures, but this number is certain. We have lost two aircraft at Mehrabad Airport and one was lost while in flight. Two Iraqi airbases were attacked by the Iranian Air Force this evening, and as far as the air force has reported to me, this attack has been successful.

The dimensions of America's aggression are being expanded by the Ba'thist regime of Iraq. It is obvious that we must defend our revolution, and our Islamic homeland, with utmost power. We did not agree with that which was forced upon us, but now it is time for our enemies to find us steadfast, relentless and strong.

Our people for centuries have lived on battlefields. Iran is a crossroads, from every side of this crossroads enemies have attacked us. Our history is the history of such wars against foreign invaders. We are a nation who has always found life on the battlefield and we have shown our worthiness of living through battles; and now too. Now we are waiting for the manifestation of this wonderful worthiness which always in the history of our revolution, our faithful revolution for the creation of an Islamic society, has made itself known.

Our armed forces: When I was appointed by the imam as commander in chief of the armed forces, there was talk about the abolition of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Saddam Husayn was under the illusion that our air force would take 2 years to be rebuilt. Since then I have always tried to help our republic's armed forces to be consolidated and coordinated and to increase its morale, to find an Islamic morale and to strengthen the morale in it so that it can become a morale force to defend the borders, and so that today our people can witness the sacrifices of this army.

Today is a day when our homeland, that is our Islamic homeland, as well as our history, are expecting you, the armed forces, to show your worth, to defend your Islamic Republic, your Islamic homeland without hesitation and without fear. This defense should be carried out with such decisiveness to change the conspiratorial minds of the foreign powers about instigating conspiracies against Iran forever. What you have done so far, according to the report I just delivered to the people of Iran, has been good, but our people expect your work to be excellent.

The force which emerged during the revolution, our guards corps, and our committee, together will fight as the forces expressing the Islamic and revolutionary fervor. This war which has been imposed on us by the enemy, must determine the destiny of the criminal regime that has been commissioned by our enemies to harm us. Our people must act calmly; without showing any signs of panic, horror and uneasiness; with utmost assurance of your ability to defend the borders of the country. When necessary for you, the nation, to go into action, as he said today, the imam will ask you in a message.

Moreover, I expect you to be calm, to be sang froid, and to be gentle. We are determined to defend your borders, your revolution; and without a doubt we shall do this. Today is the day when our armed forces have told our own people, and the people of the world as well as the conspirators that they are forces faithful to the Islamic Revolution, forces which like their Islamic homeland and forces which will not leave the conspirator alone until its total defeat.

I hope that you armed forces, and you people will do with utmost ability what you are supposed to do according to religious statutes. I expect you people to be calm and not to have any worries. The word "panic" is not a proper word. Our people are not a people who panic. Do not have any worries. We, God willing, will be victorious in this war which has been imposed on us. I hope that you, the nation, will be informed of this victory during the next few days.

What I am asking our armed forces to do is to tell you only the truth, and I want the figures and information they give you to be only the truth, not any exaggeration or additions to anything; to inform you of their losses as they occur; and to report to you what they know about the enemy.

I have just received a note stating that in Ilam six Iraqi MiG's have been shot down.

If things go on like today, we will give Saddam Husayn the lesson he wanted to give us.

I would like to finish my talk with this point: Is the destruction of these forces which could have been used against our common enemy, Israel, the right thing to do? If the Iraqi regime were a regime belonging to the people of Iraq, the answer would be no; but since these forces have never been used against Israel, and since they have always been used for instigating conspiracies, now there is no alternative but to strike at them resolutely.

You should ask Almighty God, you people with a clear heart, ask him to bestow victory upon your armed forces so that we can emerge victorious in this forced war, so that this victory can teach our enemies a lesson and cease their conspiracies. I hope that you will always help this government in carrying out the heavy duty of defending the independence of your country.

Be happy and victorious.

Raja'i Message

LD211830 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1721 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] In connection with the aggressions of the mercenary Iraqi Government against the holy territory of our homeland, tonight Mr Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i, the prime minister, sent the following message:

If the enemy dealt you a blow, he has damaged himself as well. [Arabic verse] In return for the destruction of two freight planes, a fighter plane and two military helicopters lost due to the attacks of Iraqi mercenaries, ten MiG fighter planes, one Topolov fighter plane, four missile-launching gunboats [word indistinct] belonging to the aggressor forces of Iraq were destroyed during the attacks this evening and two [names indistinct] posts were destroyed by our fighters.

Muslim revolutionary nation, legend makers of Iran's 'Ashura [the day of the martyrdom of Imam Hoseyn]. As you are aware, international colonialism, headed by aggressive America, following its conspiracies and aggressions, has organized its futile attempts through the Ba'thist mercenary Government of Iraq against the Islamic Revolution of Iran and today has attacked several parts of our Islamic country from the air. But the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, with the help of God and supported by the blood of martyrs and the martyr-loving Muslim nation, will out this aggressor's hand. As you have been informed during today's counterattacks, it has dealt heavy blows at the rotten corps of the oppressive Iraqi regime. We thank God that the enemies of the Islamic Revolution on the one hand have themselves dug their graves by the hands of the people because of their attacks, and on the other, have added to the aspects of our cooperation and exaltation which manifest themselves when we are faced with difficulties. These confrontations will make us more organized, experienced, determined and aware. The Muslim and revolutionary nation and the Islamic Revolution have not come to an end. We take this incident as a good omen for the continuation of our revolution and we will teach these cruel fingers of international suppression a lesson that their bosses will regret forever. We assure the Muslim nation of Iran that the death of the Iraqi regime is close. God wants to grant us a share, together with the nation of Iraq in the honor of toppling Saddam and his executioner regime.

Be ready to guard and extend your revolution. Avoid hoarding foodstuffs, creating lack of order and anxiety and spreading rumors, and believe that God is with us. God's promise and its fulfillment in the world are near. All the oppressed nations will rise in the near future and the Islamic Revolution is shining blood-stained sun of this universal liberating movement. Greetings to our self-sacrificing brothers in the army and the guards corps and Muslim peshmerga who are guarding the Islamic Revolution with their pure blood, greetings to all Muslim revolutionary people who diligently neutralize the doomed plots of these conspirators and counterrevolutionaries.

[Signed] The prime minister

KHAMENE'I MAKES STATEMENT ON IRAQI RAIDS, AGGRESSION

LD221326 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1307 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention to a telephonic message by Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i, the imam's representative to the Islamic army and member of the Supreme Defence Council. It is in connection with today's events.

[Begin Khamene'i recording] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Dear Muslim and revolutionary Iranian people, my brothers and sisters: The puppet and mercenary Iraqi Government has begun air raids against the territory of the Islamic Republic and has raided several air bases. Until now, we had no intention of launching an attack. However, the Army of the Islamic Republic shall not tolerate the aggression launched by these puppet Ba'thists and shall give a bitter lesson to Saddam.

Our dear people must maintain their cool and dignity and foil any rumor spread by the counterrevolution. They must not approach military garrisons. They must wait to implement their public duty, which shall be entrusted to them by the great leader.

Right now the fighting forces of the Islamic Republic Army are engaged in fighting on the ground, in the air and at sea. More information shall be made avialable later.

Khamene'i on Air Clashes

JN230922 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0800 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement by Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i, member of the Iranian Supreme Defense Council, on 23 September 1980--read by announcer]

[Text] Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i, member of the Supreme Defense Council, has made this statement following a meeting of the Islamic Majlis which ended a short while ago:

You have heard the latest reports on the fighting which took place yesterday, hearing them in the statement made by the president of the republic and the reports carried over the radio and in the newspapers.

The reports this morning, and until 30 minutes ago, say that three Iraqi MiG's were shot down at 0600 during an air raid on Iranian ships and destroyers near Kharg Island. Iranian defenses engaged the Iraqi planes and forced them to flee after downing one plane. It seems the Iraqi air raid was directed at Kharg Island.

The second plane was shot down over Dezful at 0700 this morning. The third plane was also shot down at 0700 this morning over the city of Sanandaj. Its pilot was captured. The reports say that the two Iraqi pilots whose planes were shot down today are having breakfast.

The Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran carried out intensive air raids on 15 Iraqi military centers and bases this morning. The targets included military centers in the south of Baghdad and Mosul. Some 140 planes, including fighters and bombers, took part in these air raids. All our planes returned safely to their bases, with the exception of two planes. The losses are insignificant since such a massive air raid would normally result in 10 percent losses.

The fighter planes which took part in the air raid did not return to their base in Dezful, because this base sustained some damage. They returned to other bases in the country.

This is all as far as the air battle is concerned. As far as ground fighting is concerned, armed clashes between our forces have been going on since yesterday in Khuzestan, from Shalamcheh to a point further north. The Iraqi forces shelled other border areas. Iranian armored forces compelled the Iraqi forces to withdraw from areas they had occupied. Our forces retrieved the Shalamcheh area from the aggressor Iraqi forces.

Reports arriving at 0800 this morning say that the Iraqi Armed Forces have begun fleeing and withdrawing. Orders were given to our armed forces to follow and crush them. Iraqi losses were heavy. Clashes continue in the regions of (Baba Abi) in Ilam Province. Six Iraqi planes bombed the region of (Salihabad). There were no losses worth mentioning.

Iraqi air raids began at 1300 yesterday and continued until 0100, after midnight. Some 10 Iraqi MiG's were downed. One Iranian [name indistinct] plane was lost. It is believed that this was due to faulty equipment rather than Iraqi artillery fire. The rest of the Iranian planes which took part in the counter-air raid, which was carried out 1 or 2 hours after the Iraqi air raid, have all returned safely to their bases.

The military situation on the frontlines is generally good and in our favor. As for the air fighting and operations, our forces are generally in control of the air and the superiority of our air and ground forces is very obvious.

As you have heard from the president's statement, our forces sank four Iraqi missile-carrying gunboats, which constitute the backbone of the Iraqi Navy. Each gunboat has a crew of 45 men and carries 4 guided missiles and 2 guns.

Our brothers in the army command headquarters have been asking: Why is Iraq directing all these weapons against us instead of Zionist Israel? Why is all the wealth of the deprived Iraqi people being used in this way by the ruling Ba'thist clique? I felt the very high morale of my brothers in the army command headquarters. It is indeed regrettable that traitor Saddam Husayn is using all this expensive equipment against the Islamic Republic instead of Israel.

FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUES STATEMENT ON IRAQI ATTACK

LD221942 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1747 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in connection with the cowardly attack by the mercenaries of the Iraqi Ba'thist regime on Iran, has issued a statement tonight as follows:

In His exalted name. Following the aborted military attack by America on the airports and residential areas of Iran which happened at 1410 on 22 September and which resulted in the death of innocent people and destruction of residential areas, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran severely condemns the [word indistinct] attacks by the Ba'thist Government of Iraq, and blames the outcome of this inhuman and aggressive action of the Ba'thist regime on the self-motivated acts of Saddam and the Ba'thist Government of Iraq.

This rash action, which was helped and assisted by the enemy of our revolution and was headed by America and was carried out to maintain the interests of the superpowers and international Zionism, is not something that the martyr-loving Muslim nation of Iran can let pass by easily. [Word indistinct] knows that Iran's confrontations along the border with Iraq up to now have been defensive and that Iran did not wish to involve the Iraqi soldiers who had been dragged into fighting the Islamic forces of Iran more than was necessary. Now that the puppet Ba'thist regime of Iraq intends to publicize its services to international Zionism and embark upon actions in the interests of America and the occupying regime of Jerusalem, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran does not find any alternative other than employing all its forces to confront the merciless conspiracies and aggressions of the Iraqi [regime] and carry out its Islamic duty without being influenced by feelings of vengeance or revenge. We will not forget the main mission of our revolution which is the unity of the ranks of Muslims against followers of Satan and sowers of corruption on earth; we have always directed our efforts towards this aim. But unfortunately the aggressor regime of Iraq, which does not have [word indistinct] other than creating division amongst the ranks of Muslims and has always walked this path, has committed acts that will result in the elimination of the Iraqi Ba'th and its supporters.

RAFSANJANI SAYS COUNTRY'S LEADERS WATCHING EVENTS

LD221520 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1458 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, has announced the following: The president and commander in chief of the armed forces, the military officials, members of the Supreme Defense Council, the prime minister, the speaker of the Majlis, the commander of the guards corps, and the minister of defense are keeping a watch on the events and clashes in today's attack by Iraq against Iran.

The armed forces everywhere have been put on alert and in some places they are replying to the enemy's attacks. Heavy blows have been delivered by the revolutionary forces against the enemy and the results of these blows will be subsequently brought to the notice of the public.

Committed youth from various parts of the country are asking to participate in the fighting. If there is any need they will be informed. The people should remain patient. They should not approach the garrisons. They should not pay attention to any reports except what is announced by responsible officials, because spreading rumors against officials can be a part of the conspiracy.

JOINT STAFF ISSUES STATEMENTS 9-32 ON FIGHTING WITH IRAQ

9: Arvand Rud Naval Actions

LD221234 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 9 of The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Glory to the clean souls of the martyrs of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, whose shrouds are bloodstained.

We offer our congratulations and condolences to the imam of the nation, the great leader of the revolution, the struggling Muslim nation of Iran and the families of the martyrs of the armed forces, particularly the self-sacrificing martyrs of recent days in the Navy of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and we appreciate the efforts of the self-sacrificing personnel of the fighting fronts.

This is to inform the public that during the mopping up operations in Mahabad, in the province of Kordestan, by the army and gendarmerie as well as the Corps of Revolution Guards, which are still continuing, sporadic clashes occurred in various parts of the city. In several places fires broke out but were immediately extinguished. During these clashes in Mahabad, a number of counterrevolutionaries were killed and others were wounded while five of our own fighters were martyred and some others wounded on 20 September. On 21 September, a raid by attackers on the Jebra'i Abad base in Oshnaviyeh was repulsed, resulting in the wounding of one soldier. As announced in the earlier communique, an oil reservoir in Urumiyeh was set on fire following shelling by the counterrevolutionaries. By using firefighting equipment from other towns in Azarbayjan, however, the fire was brought under control.

Fighting began in border regions in Kermanshah and Ilam as well as in posts in Bazargan, Naftshahr, Gomrok-e Now, Shepatan, (?Gushdah), Timar, [name indistinct] and Lak Koshteh and Khosravi in the morning of 21 September. The fighting continued until 2200 and was fierce. All day yesterday shelling by artillery and other heavy weapons continued between the ground, naval and the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic as well as the Corps of Revolution Guards on the one side and the Iraqi Army on the other in Arvand Rud. The following casualties have been left behind:

One Iraqi dredging vessel was hit by the Iranian Armed Forces and was subsequently sunk on the Arvand Rud banks. Another Iraqi missile-launcher boat, named [word indistinct], with a capacity of 200 tons, armed with four missiles and two rapid-firing guns, was hit at the mouth of Arvand Rud, on the Persian Gulf, by Islamic army weapons; it was completely destroyed and sunk. Abadan's oil reservoir No 512 was set ablaze by shelling. The fire was immediately brought under control.

The Khorramshahr terminal as well as its naval installations, including the airport, part of Abadan and all the coastal areas in the vicinity of Arband Rud and Arvand Kenar, came under Iraqi artillery fire all day yesterday, however, little damage was suffered. In return, all Iraqi military installations and posts along Arvand Rud came under Islamic army artillery fire, resulting in the destruction of two Iraqi posts. Other Iraqi installations suffered considerable damage.

Two small Iranian motor launches, anchored in Arvand Rud, were damaged by Iraqi shelling and were subsequently sunk. It must be explained that the Iraqi missile launcher which was destroyed and sunk by the zealous fighting personnel of the Iranian Army yesterday was ten times more valuable than the two small motor boats of Iran, both from the military and economic points of view. The Iranian boats were unarmed commercial vessels.

One Iranian Navy helicopter crashed yesterday after running into a high-voltage overhead cable. The pilot, Lt Cdr Akbar [Name indistinct], co-pilot Lt (JG) 'Azizi, and another co-pilot, Mahnazi Gardekani, were honored with martyrdom.

Also yesterday another Iraqi post, Saddam, as well as the Iraqi (Assaleh) base, came under heavy artillery by the Islamic Republic Army. On 21 September fierce fighting continued along the Iranian-Iraqi border in Khuzestan, and along the Arvand Rud waterway and [name indistinct].

The Iraqis deployed maximum air, artillery and tank fire along the Iranian border area of (?Sakteh), however, they encountered strong resistance by the army, gendarmerie and the Corps of Revolution Guards and as a result they were forced to retreat.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

10: Iraqi Air, Naval Losses

LD221410 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 10 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. We hereby inform the heroic and Muslim nation of Iran that fighting is continuing today in the air, on the ground and at sea. Most of Iraq's military targets in the border areas have been under the fire of artillery, aircraft and the tanks of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Iraqi units and military installations have suffered heavy casualties and damage.

As a result of clashes with the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, four missile-launching vessels belonging to the Iraqi Armed Forces have been sunk 15 miles from Bushehr. As a result of Iraqi air attacks on the Islamic Republic of Iran and the strong resistance of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a number of Iraqi aircraft have been downed. The precise number of planes will be brought to the attention of the Muslim and valiant Iranian nation after investigation and confirmation. [Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

11: Blackout Regulations Announced

LD221358 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1307 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, in connection with air raids by the Iraqi mercenary army against various parts of our country, the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces, in statement No 11, has issued a warning to the combative and heroic Iranian Nation. Following is the text:

In the name of God. To the combative and heroic Iranian nation, as there is a likelihood of air raids by the Iraqi mercenary army throughout the night, the Islamic Iranian Army calls on the compatriots to observe blackout regulations and to avoid any lighting for any purpose. Hospitals and similiar institutions are allowed to use specified lighting providing the lights are not observable from outside.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

12: Further on Blackout Regulations

LD221442 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1422 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 12 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God. As the combative Iranian nation was informed through statement No 11, the Iraqi Ba'thist Army has raided certain bases and harmed our dear defenseless people today. Although the protection of the country's airspace is the responsibility of the brave Air Force of the Islamic Republic, there is the likelihood of air raids by the Iraqi Army throughout the night. Therefore we call on our countrymen to observe completely the blackout regulations at night. Municipalities are also to turn off the street lights. As for vehicles, they must not come out, and the stores and other institutions must also observe the regulations to the letter.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic

13: Tehran Garrison Movements

LD222227 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2124 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 13 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Dear citizens of Tehran, the army units for the air defense of sensitive places in Tehran, such as the radio and television center and so forth, need to leave their garrisons to be deployed to the necessary areas. All people of Tehran are thus required not to gather in front of the garrisons and not to cause delays in the movements of their soldier brothers.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran

14: Iran Controls Strait of Hormuz

LD222246 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2124 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 14 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Dear compatriots, revolutionary brothers and sisters, at these historic moments the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been faced with their crucial task and are ready for any kind of sacrifice and heroism. The sworn enemy of the revolution of Iran has started its air raid with the hands of the Iraqi mercenary in the hope that it would defeat the Islamic Revolution of Iran, but we will use this opportunity to stabilize this revolution, which depends on the individuals of the nation of Iran and we will severely punish the aggressive enemy. You know that the noble nation of Iran supports the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and this is the advantage which the mercenary Army of Iraq lacks.

Now the heroic nation of Iran is informed that the Straits of Hormuz and the northern coasts of the Persian Gulf are under the control of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Air Force of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has maintained its vigil over Iranian airspace. War is continuing on the ground, in the air and at sea.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

15: Tehran Garrison Remains in Barracks

LD222232 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2126 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 15 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Until further notice military units stationed in Tehran's garrisons are not allowed to leave their garrisons. Only Group 33 of the artillery section of Jey barracks will leave for appointed locations with the permission of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces in order to station air defense units.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

16: Ilam Units Down MiG's

LD221642 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1607 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 16 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name, dear compatriots, according to an announcement by the governor general's office of Ilam, up to now six aggressive Iraqi MiG airplanes have been shot down in the Province of Ilam by the batteries of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Now the bodies of the Iraqi pilots and their belongings are being transferred to the city of Ilam.

17: Gulf Navigation Warning

LD221648 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1600 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 17 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Bearing in mind the violations of the Iraqi Armed Forces, all waterways near the Iranian shores are hereby declared war zones. Iran will not allow any merchant ship to carry cargo to the Iraqi ports. Also, for the sake of the safety of shipping in the Persian Gulf, we announce that the following routes should be observed. After the ships have passed through the Strait of Hormuz they should arrange their tour so that they pass 12 miles south of Abu-Musa Island and 12 miles away from Sirri Island and south of (Keydazeb) lighthouse and 12 miles in the southwest of (Qarchu) Island. The Islamic Republic of Iran will not accept any responsibility concerning those who violate this communique.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

18: Unexploded Munitions Warning

LD222148 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1735 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 18 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear compatriots, owing to the enemy's air raids, it is likely that in some places in cities, villages or deserts unexploded rockets or bullets may be found. Therefore it is very necessary for people to avoid getting near or touching them. In case of observing such objects before touching them report the observation to the nearest gendarmerie post, military base or guards corps so that possible dangers and losses can be averted.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

19: Fallahi Addresses Troops

LD222107 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1943 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 19 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. We are still fighting against the servile enemy under the light of the protection of God and the support of the imam and the Muslim and valiant ation of Iran. Beloved co-fighters, officers, air force technicians, noncommissioned officers, employees, valiant and self-sacrificing soldiers of the army, gendarmerie, guards corps and other local armed forces who are fighting decisively: While praising the excellent and brave morale of every one of you who, in the fortress of the beloved Islam and in defense of the soil of the country, have triumphantly withstood the enemy and have delivered such deadly and crushing blows at the mercenary army of the super-powers; we not expect that you, like before, in shaping the destiny of tomorrow, will add another honor to your previous honors through a more determined and more powerful morale and through gaining yet greater victories.

[Signed] The acting commander of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Brig Gen Valiollah Fallahi

20: Iraqi Losses, Artillery Duels

LD2222028 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1941 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 20 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear Muslim compatriots, according to reports the casualties and damage inflicted on the Army of Iraq as of 2300, 22 September which have been confirmed by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran are as follows: 11 MiG fighter aircraft have crashed and 4 missile boats were sunk.

Also as a result of heavy fire by the artillery of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran installations and a gas refinery in (Fas) were destroyed and (Seyda) and (Durt) airbases, oil installations in (Waseliyeh) and the battalion bases of the 20th Brigade in the regions of (Sudeh) and (Seyhan) were destroyed by the fire of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Confrontations between the artillery of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the artillery forces of the Iraqi Army are still continuing, and the subsequent casulaties and damage will be brought to the attention of the fighting and champion nation of Iran.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

21: Warning to Gulf States

LD222046 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2010 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Statement No 21 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Since the mercenary Government of Iraq has undermined all the regulations and international treaties and has attacked the country of the Islamic Republic of Iran and there is the possibility that the merceneries of the Ba'thist Government of Iraq might use the airports and ports of the UAE and some sheykhdoms in the Persian Gulf area, it is hereby announced that any such use of harbor or airport facilities of the abovementioned countries against the Islamic Republic of Iran will be answered by the fighting forces of Iran in defense. The Islamic Republic of Iran will not accept any responsibility against the nonobservance of the points mentioned in this communique.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

22: Air Raid Measures

LD230256 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 22 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name, dear compatriots, since the enemy's air attack and sonic booms will result in the breakage of a number of windows and chandeliers in houses and cause damage to residents, in order to prevent such damages it is necessary to cover chandeliers with nylon and cloth and apply cellophane tape to windows in the form of an X. In this way, in the event of a sonic boom, they will not shatter.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

23: Iraqi Pilots To Be Arrested

LD230422 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 23 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear compatriots, at 0515, when a number of Iraqi planes were attacking the warships of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, they encountered the severe and accurate aerial defensive firing of the Iranian warships, and one of the Iraqi MiGs crashed in the Persian Gulf.

Since yesterday, the total number of Iraqi MiGs that have crashed--which has been confirmed--has reached 12. The casulaties to our forces have totalled one aircraft.

It should be pointed out that when Iraqi planes are struck by bullets, their pilots leave the planes with parachutes and reach the ground safely. All the dear compatriots are requested, in case they see such Iraqi pilots, to arrest them with the utmost caution and hand them over to the nearest military or security unit.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran

24: Accidental Explosion at Mehrabad

LD230432 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0413 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 24 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear Tehran citizens, a few minutes ago at southern Mehrabad base an explosion occurred due to a bomb being released from under an Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force plane which was taking off. The damage and casualties have not yet been reported.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran

25: No Casualties at Mehrabad

LD230510 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 25 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear Tehran citizens, according to reports received from the southern Mehrabad base, the bomb which had been released from under the Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force plane while taking off fortunately did not cause any damage or casualties.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran

26: Iraqis Routed at Khorramshahr

LD230542 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0507 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 26 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear Muslim compatriots, the self-sacrificing, brave and pious pilots of the Army [as heard] of the Islamic Republic of Iran bravely crushed their military targets in the heart of Iraq at 0500 on 23 September and caused irreparable damage to the pagan enemy. All the planes returned to their bases safely after completing this mission successfully.

The Ahvaz 92nd Armoured Division crushed the enemy positions around (Shalamcheh-ye) Khorramshahr with the utmost bravery. Reports have just arrived that the Iraqi forces around the said posts are in flight and that the forces of the Islamic Army of Iran are in pursuit.

Congratulations to the pilots of the air force and the fighting and muslim personnel of the Ahvaz 92nd Division and the gendarmerie and the guards corps and the rest of the armed forces in the region for this brave action.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran

27: Ships Warned To Leave

LD230552 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0531 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 27 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. All commercial vessels docked along Arvand Rud [Shatt al-'Arab] pier and nearby waters that are being used or will be used by the enemy for purposes of hiding and cover are hereby informed to leave the area immediately; otherwise, the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran will not be responsible for any damages to said vessels.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran

28: Iraqi Losses Update

LD230742 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0630 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 28 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear and revolutionary compatriots of Iran, the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran brings to your attention the victories gained by your brother soldiers:

The Umm Qasr port of Iraq has been bombed severely by the planes of the Air Force of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Two Iraqi MiGs were downed by artillery fire of the Iranian army in Ilam; one of these planes crashed in the valley of (Bakhl Gir) station [presumably near a railway station] and another crashed in Salehabad. One Iraqi MiG was hit by antiaircraft guns of the Iranian Army in Marivan and crashed; its pilot has been arrested. Another Iraqi MiG was hit in Haft Tappeh, near Dezful, by Iranian forces; this plane also crashed. So far, 16 MiG planes and 4 missile boats of the OSA Class have been destroyed. Two Iraqi pilots are being held prisoner by the Iranian Army.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran

29: Shatt al-'Arab Closed

LD230822 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0743 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 29 of the Joint Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text In view of the aggression of the Iraqi Ba'thist Government against the interests of the Muslim Nation of Iran, it is hereby announced [words indistinct] all the ships passing through the unrestricted part of the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman are duty-bound to raise their own national flags in accordance with international regulations and they are dutybound to give correct answers when questioned by the units of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

[Tehran International Service in Arabic at 0851 GMT on 23 September in a similar report adds the following at this point: "The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is not responsible for ships and dockings with regard to any cargo belonging to the Ba'thist Iraqi Government transported through any port in the Persian Gulf."]

If [words indistinct] they have fired and some of the commercial ships have been shot, it is hereby announced that the Shatt al-'Arab Channel is closed to all sea vessels and the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran will not be responsible for the consequences resulting from the disobedience of this order.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

30: More on Shatt al-'Arab

GF230911 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0853 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 30 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Because the aggressor and agent Iraqi Government is opening fire on merchant ships of neutral countries which visit Iranian ports in Shatt al-'Arab, and since some ships have been hit, the Shatt al-'Arab is therefore closed to shipping. The Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran is not responsible for incidents arising from failure to implement this order.

31: MiG Downed at Bushehr

JN230849 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0744 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 31 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] Brave Iranian Muslim citizens: We have just received the following from the Iranian air and naval base of Bushehr: An Iraqi MiG plane was hit by the ground defenses of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the plane fell into the Bushehr waters.

32: MiG Losses Increase

LD230930 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0902 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Statement No 32 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran brings the considerable victories and bravery of the fighting brothers--fighting for Islam--to the notice of the Muslim and heroic Nation of Iran. At 1130 today, 2 Iraqi MiGs were brought down in Bushehr region by the fire of artillery and gunboats of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During the air attack by the Iraqi Armed Forces at Tabriz Air Base, 5 Iraqi MiGs were downed, and in another air attack by the Iraqi Armed Forces at Bushehr waters 3 Iraqi MiGs were downed by the antiaircraft guns of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Dear compatriots, the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran have so far brought down 34 violating MiGs belonging to the Iraqi Armed Forces over the Iranian soil. A considerable number of Iraqi MiGs have been destroyed by the Iranian fighters in Iraqi bases; their numbers will be announced.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

FURTHER REPORTAGE ON FIGHTING, RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

Khuzestan Majlis Deputies Message

GF221716 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] In the name of God, guardian of martyrs' blood. The following is the text of a message from Ahvaz Majlis deputies to brave soldiers and guards defending the revolution along the border:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Verily, God loves those who fight in his cause arrayed in solid ranks.

Hail from God and his worshippers to you heroic children of Islam and soldiers of Imam Khomeyni, descendant of the prophet of God and inheritor of Imam Hoseyn. Now that we have another Karbala and you--like the soldiers of the prophet of Islam and soldiers of Imam 'Ali and Imam Hoseyn--are defending the Islamic homeland and the holy institution of the Islamic Republic and the Muslim nation, we the representatives of the heroic Iranian nation extend the sincere thanks, gratitude and congratulations of the nation to you. We tell you for them that they are ready to fight behind you and will sacrifice their lives for you. Brothers, we tell you that they also are ready to fight behind you and will sacrifice their lives for you.

We assure you that the idolatrous Iraqi Ba'thists, who want to force our nation and our brother Iraqi nation into a full-fledged war, will be defeated with the help of God and the hands of you fighters of the Islamic Republic. Victory in this world and heaven in the next will be your reward. We ask Iraqi soldiers to join Islam and their Muslim nation and rise against the idolatry in their country. We ask them to topple the [word indistinct] Ba'thist regime in Iraq or else desert the army of the Yazid of the ages and refuse to give their lives in vain for the satanic interests of the United States, Britain, Zionism and the American lackey, the government of Saddam Yazid. Otherwise, they will suffer shame in this world and the wrath of God in the next. Peace be upon the righteous servants of God who struggle in his cause. [Koranic verse]

[Signed] Islamic Republic Majlis Deputies Asadineya, Seyavash and Karimi

Khuzestan Students Military Demonstration

GF230532 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] The following announcement has been issued by the student division of the Khuzestan Revolution Guards in Ahvaz in connection with the 23 September 1980 march:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. As the U.S. military attack has been intensified through its puppet traitor Saddam to the borders of the Islamic Republic of Iran, together with the tightening of the military blockade by the superpowers, once more troublemakers and U.S. leftwingers are instigating unrest inside the borders of the country. Their satanic plan is to create unrest in the country's schools, one of most revolutionary organs of the country.

We, the student division of the Khuzestan Revolution Guards in Ahvaz, accepting the invitation to march issued by the favorite of the nation's imam, the image of God Ayatollah Montazeri, want to examine the military strength of our trained and courageous students.

To this end, at the end of the Tuesday, 23 September march at the (Tahkim) sports center, we have arranged a program consisting of a march, military operations and guerrilla operations. We hope that with the help of God our program will be a step toward the arming of our nation.

Ministry of Roads Statement

LD221354 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] In connection with the state of alert, the Ministry of Roads has issued the following statement:

With regard to the special conditions of the country, we hereby announce to all the affiliated and dependent organizations and all the provincial offices of the Ministry of Roads and Transportation that in order to combat any possible incident, they should form special groups with the necessary equipment and should be ready on a 24-hour basis to carry out their duties for the sake of the Islamic Revolution.

[Signed] Ministry of Roads and Transportation.

Cancellation of Airlines Flights

LD221430 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1348 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Excerpt] A spokesman for the National Iranian Airlines has told the Central News Bureau that all the airline's flights have been cancelled until further notice.

Fars Governor General Statement

GF221450 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention to a telephone message from the governor general:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Muslim and heroic people of Fars, as you have been informed, the puppet Iraqi Ba'thist regime has attacked several airbases of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I warn you, Muslim and revolutionary people, to be alert for the enemy's cold war that will come in the form of rumormongering through its fifth column.

Do not go near military garrisons and try to inform revolutionary organizations about these foreign-worshipping elements.

If you are needed, your assistance will be requested through the mass media. Thank God, in Fars we are completely alert and there has been no adverse incident to date. Directors of government offices are required to order all vehicles and drivers be ready at the offices to go on patrol.

Fars Revolution Guards Near Border

GF221513 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] To date, a number of revolution guards and other Islamic organizations from Fars Bushehr and Kohkiluyeh va Boyer Ahmad have gone to the border region to guard the country's borders and confront Iraqi Ba'thist forces.

The latest report reaching the Shiraz news center says a group of Kazerun Revolution Guards have gone to the border. A large number of Muslim and courageous youths and tribesmen from Boyer Ahmad district have registered with the oppressed mobilization foundation of (Nia Pur). They are currently receiving military training.

Volunteers to Western Region

GF221530 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] Nine volunteer youths from Darab district have been sent to the country's western region to confront the enemies of the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

Our reporter in Darab says that following the recent clashes between the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraqi lackeys, courageous youths of Darab met in front of the revolution guards post and requested to be sent to the western part of the country. According to the same report, nine of the volunteers have been chosen and sent.

Ministry Announcement on Blackout

LD221532 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Announcement No 1 of the Energy Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran dated 22 September]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Beloved brothers and sisters, heroic nation of Iran: To counter any possible air raid from the enemies of Islam and Iran, it is imperative that no light be seen from the buildings. We ask you to follow regulations scrupulously and to turn off your lights, or in urgent circumstances to shut the curtains completely and turn on only one faint light in the interior of the building and thereby combat the danger of air raids.

The regional electric power companies will, when necessary and the blackout regulations are not observed, cut off the power in the entire region.

All the personnel of the regional electricity and water companies throughout Iran should be on full alert for possible danger.

[Signed] The Energy Ministry

Commentary on Iraqi RCC Statement

GF221615 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Finally, the little pharoah has thrown away what remained of the mask on his ugly face and emerged before our Iraqi people and Muslim nation in his true face--an obedient servant of the enemies of Islam, carrying out their orders and declaring war against Islam and Muslims. He has thrown away his disguise and has gone naked, vainly clamoring and shouting at the people.

Saddam's radio interrupted its program and told Muslims it would broadcast an important statement--an important statement issued by the tyrant pharoah. He called on the people and army to fight the Islamic state in Iran and called on Muslims to fight each other for the sake of Saddam, his regime and the ambitions of his masters.

What a poor man is this arrogant little pharoah. The devil has [word indistinct] his actions, and the [word indistinct] chair on which they have seated him and the promises they have made to him. This stupid and arrogant man has forgotten God's power that defeats tyrants. He has seen how it defeated his elder brother, the buried shah, in the recent past--and the shah was mightier than him--and how his masters' technology was defeated in the Tabas Desert.

O little tyrant, you seem frightened and terrified. Appealing sycophantically to the religious sentiments of the Muslim army and people will not be of any use to you. You address them, saying: O sons of 'Ali ben Abi Talib; O sons of Sa'd, Muthanna and Khalid and sons of Islam, you are the enemy of 'Ali ben Abi Talib and the enemy of Sa'd, Khalid and Muthanna- the enemy of the banner of Islam that they carried and the enemy of the Koran of which you have not learned a single verse. And you said, "And I shall devise a great guile."

God will defeat your devices. In the coming days you will learn how the Muslim people and army of beloved Iraq will respond to you, and how the Muslim Iranian Army and people will rspond to you. You will know how you have dug your own grave--the grave of shame and humiliation in this world, and the grave of hellfire in the hereafter.

O what a poor arrogant man you are. Tyrants before you have been arrogant before you. You do not know the power of belief, the power of the nation and the power of the will of God Almighty.

Gasoline Available in Tehran

LD221944 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the Tehran traffic department has announced that there is enough gasoline available at the service stations. Therefore, responsible drivers are asked not to line up in front of the service stations.

Three Iraqi MiGs Downed

GF221657 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1650 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Ali Akbar Rezvani, the imam's representative at the Musa airbase, announced a short while ago that personnel at this airbase near Hamadan have succeeded--during an aerial dogfight this afternoon between our air force and the air force of the agent Ba'thist Iraqi forces--in shooting down three MiG aircraft belonging to the attacking enemy. They have captured the pilot of one of these aircraft.

Interior Ministry Statement

LD221900 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1736 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] The following statement was issued by the Ministry of Interior:

In His exalted name. Security headquarters consisting of representatives of the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic, the police, guards corps, Islamic Revolution Committees, and mobilization of the oppressed have been formed at the governorates and governorate generals all over the country. Dear compatriots are requested to coordinate themselves with these headquarters to help and coordinate all operations. The operational security headquarters of Tehran has been formed at the Ministry of Interior and dear fellow citizens of Tehran are requested to observe the following points:

1. Avoid any kind of self-motivated action.

2. Avoid unnecessary traffic in the city, especially at night.

3. The use of motorcycles in the city of Tehran is banned from this moment until further notice. Obviously, brother guards and the police and gendarmerie personnel will stop motorcycles.

4. All fellow citizens are asked not to obstruct the route or slow the progress of military units.

5. All Tehran fellow citizens are asked to report any kind of suspicious act or counter-revolutionary behavior to the following telephone numbers: 530137, 538837, I repeat, 530137 and 538837.

[Signed] The minister of interior, Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani, 22 September 1980

Return of Majlis Deputies

LD221908 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1738 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] The following statement has been issued by the public relations office of the Ministry of Interior:

In His exalted name. Tomorrow the Islamic Majlis will hold an open session. It is noteworthy that because the clocks will be set back by 1 hour as of tomorrow the session will start at 0800. Because of the serious situation in the country it is stressed that those deputies who are currently traveling should use any possible means to return to Tehran to take part in this session.

Medical Teams to Mehrabad Airport

LD221832 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1742 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, a spokesman for the Red Crescent Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran [Iranian Red Cross] announced that immediately after the organization was informed of the Mehrabad Airport incident, nine ambulances equipped with medical teams were sent to the airport. Also immediately after this incident, the medical and welfare teams and the health center of this organization which had been previously stationed at the airport to help the pilgrims of the house of God were ordered to provide immediate assistance.

According to the orders issued by the deputy in charge of relief and treatment of the Red Crescent Organization who is personally supervising the relief operations at the airport, two teams have stayed at the airport on full alert and three ambulances and medical teams are on full alert at the Red Crescent center. The spokesman added: The branches of this organization in important geographical locations have also been put on full alert.

ETTELA'AT on Husayn 'Role'

JN221950 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1833 GMT 22 Sep 80

[From the press review]

[Text] An ETTELA'AT commentary says that U.S. imperialism has not hesitated to exert every effort to suppress the Islamic Revolution. Indeed, today it has entrusted Saddam Husayn with playing such a U.S. plotting role. However, our Islamic Revolution, which has foiled every plot which it has been subjected to thus far, will rub these criminals' noses in the dirt, thanks to our soldiers' heroism and the heroism of millions of sons of our Muslim people.

Oil Ministry on Oil Exports

JN222014 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1835 GMT 22 Sep 80

[From the press review]

[Text] The paper ETTELA'AT gives the following headline among other prominent headlines: High-Ranking Oil Ministry Official Announced That the Campaigns Which the Ba'th Mercenaries Are Launching Against Us Will Not Affect Our Oil Exports.

The Oil Ministry official added: We export our oil via the island of Khark, adding that this region is far from the areas of the clashes. He pointed out that although Iraq daily pumps half a million barrels of its oil through pipelines to the Mediterranean Sea, seven times this amount is exported via the waters of the Persian Gulf. He added that Iraq has a petrochemical plant on the banks of Arvand Rud and an oil refinery in this region. thus, he pointed out, it will not be in Iraq's interest to subject this region to convulsions.

Motorcycles Banned in Tehran

LD230304 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0249 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] In a statement issued by the Interior Ministry, security headquarters has asked the dear compatriots to refrain from using motorcycles in Tehran until further notice.

Detour Around Mehrabad Airport

LD230528 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the following statement was just issued by Tehran traffic department.

All dear drivers are hereby notified that they should refrain from driving along the streets around Mehrabad Airport and they should not cause traffic jams. Even the administrative staff of Mehrabad Airport and civil aviation--except the control tower staff--should refrain from going near Mehrabad.

The dear citizens are thanked in advance for the cooperation.

Interior Ministry Statement No 4

LD230714 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0535 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] The security headquarters stationed at the Interior Ministry has announced in its fourth statement:

In the name of God, the crusher of the oppressers. Now that the waves of the Islamic Revolution have gone beyond Iran's frontiers and have shaken the whole of the region, world-devouring America has not learned a lesson from the Tabas incident and now has sent that traitor Saddam to attack Islamic soil. And how excitedly this risen nation has shown that it is prepared for (?self-sacrifice) en route to martyrdom. The excited (?moments) of the people were a strong blow to the mouths of foreign radios and the internal xenophiles.

The criminal United States intends, with the help of the criminal Saddam, to weaken our battle forces and at the same time, with the help of hypocritical and counterrevolutionary groups who play the part of America's fifth column, by creating gatherings, clashes and spreading rumors, to split the united ranks of the nation and prepare the ground for delivering the final blow.

Under these sensitive circumstances, martyr-nurturing fellow citizens are required to observe the following points with the utmost caution, and with a revolutionary spirit:

1. In case of discovering suspicious objects or packages, without touching them inform the nearest revolution committee, corps, precinct or mobilization headquarters.

2. Avoid useless gatherings on public thoroughfares which might result in rumor-spreading, incitement and clashes.

3. With the utmost alertness, identify the counterrevolutionary who intends to incite, attack garrisons, military forces and embassies and inform the nearest security center without delay.

4. The counterrevolution, on public transport, thoroughfares, or by telephone, intends to spread rumors and to weaken morale. In case of doscovering such, inform the security forces without delay.

5. A number of counterrevolutionaries, in the guise of taxi drivers are busy spreading rumors throughout the city. If you come across such cases, inform the security forces.

[Signed] Tehran security headquarters, stationed at the Interior Ministry

Request for Citizens' Cooperation

GF230929 Abadan Domestic Service in Persian 0535 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] We request our dear people to not approach the docks. They should remain calm and cooperate with the security forces. If you hear the sirens of ambulances or fire engines, please yield. We also request that you not engage the telephones of the Abadan emergency coordination headquarters.

Abadan 'Profitseekers'

GF230940 Abadan Domestic Service in Persian 0535 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Dear revolutionary citizens, please pay attention. According to our information, a group of profitseekers has been collecting medicine in various parts of the city in the name of the Red Cresent Society. We hereby inform you that if there is any need for medicine or other emergency equipment you will be informed only by radio and television.

[Signed] The headquarters for coordination of aid operations for the city of Abadan

Aviation, Meteorological Staff Callup

LD230629 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0554 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Please listen to an announcement by civil aviation.

Civil Aviation has announced that all leave for its technical and operational staff is cancelled. It is hereby announced that all staff are to be present at their posts without delay.

Please listen to another announcement by the country's meteorological organization:

All technical staff of the meteorological organization who are posted at Mehrabad International Airport are hereby told to be present at their posts, according to the relevant rosters.

Iraqi Communique 'Slander'

JN230826 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0754 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Excerpt] Our kinfolk in brave Iraq, hero brothers in faith, course and destiny: The enemy oppressing you announced in his military communique No 4 that the Islamic forces attacked the Iraqi cities of Basra, Al-'Imarah, Al-Kut, Nineveh and Al-Habbaniyah. The enemy said that the Islamic forces hit civilian targets. This is a lie and slander.

We have already warned you that the puppet, traitorous regime oppressing you with steel and fire will, in a moment of collapse, resort to shelling peaceful, persecuted Iraqi towns and villages and blaming the Iranian Islamic forces for that in order to charge you brother free Muslims, with hatred against your Islamic army, which is one of you, shares your hopes and sympathizes with you in your suffering from injustice and coercion at the hands of the infidels, this small tyrant Saddam and the enemy imperialist invaders.

Beware, brothers, of such lies. Ask yourselves: Why should Iran shell Basra, An-Nasiriyah, Al-Kut and Nineveh and spare the Zionist tribal stronghold of Tikrit? The Islamic Army, which sympathizes with all Muslims, cannot possibly strike at its heroic faithful brothers, who are experiencing injustice, humiliation and privation under the tyrant Saddam.

Operations Near Miandow Ab

LD230958 Tehran PARS in English 0815 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Tehran, 23 Sep (PARS NEWS AGENCY)--President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, commander in chief of the Islamic Republican Armed Forces, attended the headquarters of the joint staff of the armed forces for the third day running to supervise operations against the Iraqi Ba'thist forces personally.

Meanwhile, reports from Mahabad, West Azarbayjan, indicated that mopping-up by a column consisting of units of the gendarmerie, and the revolutionary guards was continuing. The public relations office of the revolutionary guards of Urumiyeh announced yesterday that in clashes on Sunday army insurgents opened fire on the column, as a result of which one guard was martyred and three were wounded. Counterrevolutionaries set fire to a fodder store in a village of Naqadeh.

In mopping-up in four villages near Miandow Ab, West Azarbayjan, six counterrevolutionaries were killed and four wounded. The governor of Miandow Ab, announcing this yesterday, added that the clash started three days ago when revolutionary guards attacked the counter-revolutionaries and seized their weapons. He added, for two days counterrevolutionaries using heavy and light arms had been attacking Miandow Ab town, but that they had been repelled by forces stationed in the area.

Shiraz Air Traffic Controllers

GF230907 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 0825 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] The civil aviation organization, Shiraz branch, announces: All air traffic control personnel should go to Shiraz airport immediately.

Denial of BBC Report

LD230938 Tehran PARS in English 0831 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Tehran, 23 Sep (PARS NEWS AGENCY)--The commander of the coast guard of Abadan, in a contact with PARS yesterday, denied a report of Radio BBC concerning the sinking of five gendarmerie naval vessels in the Shatt al-'Arab by Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries.

He added that so far no damages have been inflicted on the gendarmerie naval vessels, and only on Sept 20 was an Iranian naval vessel hit by the Iraqis and the vessel was directed to Khosrowabad coast before it could sink. He said that the gendarmes of the Islamic Republic of Iran sank two Iraqi naval vessels on Sunday, and that the gendarmes bravely repelled the attacks of Iraqis. He added that we should fully enforce our sovereignty over the Arvand Rud River (i.e. the Shatt al-'Arab) and would stand against the mercenaries until the last drop of our blood and would hoist the flag of Iran upon all vessels and ships that pass through the Arvand Rud.

Doctors, Surgeons Asked to Report

GF230900 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 0840 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Now that the murdering hand of U.S. imperialism has appeared through the sleeve of the mercenary Ba'thist Government of Iraq, we urgently need our brother doctors, surgeons, nurses and anesthesiologists in connection with the border fighting between the Islamic Republic and the mercenary Ba'thist Iraqi Government. All those who want to help their brothers should contact the imam medical emergency headquarters at the health department on Khayyam Avenue so they can be sent to the said areas. We pray to God for your success and ask the imam of the nation for his prayers.

Communications Department Request

GF230916 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 0845 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] The Khuzestan communication department asks all citizens to avoid unnecessary use of telephones and intercity lines so that the authorities can use the lines for important and emergency matters. Avoid long conversations.

Medical Supply Donations Sought

GF230912 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 0849 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] This is Ahvaz, the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The medical committee of the Mahshahr construction organization announces that they have medical and pharmaceutical supplies. They are operating day and night at the Mahshahr construction organization's office.

We also request all brothers and sisters to bring their surplus medicine to the organization's pharmacy located next to the governorate building.

Ahvaz Oil Workers To Register

GF230954 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 0942 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] All oil workers with military training, except those who served during 1977-1980, are required to bring their service documents and identity cards immediately to this headquarters [not further identified] so that they can be used as needed.

Fars To Report 'Enemy Activity'

GF230957 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 0945 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Announcement issued by No 3 Fars operational zone]

[Text] Dear Fars citizens, you are requested to report any kind of enemy activity in the region to telephone No 37834 of this post or the nearest military post.

MiG Downings, Abadan Refinery Attack

LD231006 Tehran PARS in English 0950 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Tehran, 23 Sep (PARS NEWS AGENCY)--Hostilities continue in the Naftshar, Qasr-e Shirin and Sumar areas in the west, where an Iraqi MiG was shot down by anti-aircraft fire at 9:35 this morning. Another MiG was shot down over the Sea of Bushehr this morning while at Abadan, oil installations were attacked by the Iraqis and No 7 jetty was set on fire.

Emergency Alert Instructions in Ahvaz

GF231001 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 0950 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Dear listeners, we ask for your attention on the following points for a red alert:

If at home, switch off gas, water and electrical mains. Do not use elevators, Go to basements and keep calm.

If you are outside, hide in any trench or next to walls. Avoid lighting matches or smoking, especially at night.

If you are in a vehicle, stop and, at night, switch off headlights.

Stop any rumormongering. Keep your radios on to hear any orders.

Shiraz University Doctors Announcement

GF231015 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 0950 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Announcement issued by Islamic society of Shiraz university doctors; date not given]

[Text] In the name of God. The Islamic society of Shiraz university doctors, in cooperation with the medical committee of the Fars reconstruction organization, is ready in case of need to send medical supplies, teams of doctors and surgeons to the war regions to help our courageous soldiers.

Shiraz Gendarmerie Callup

GF231012 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 0952 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Announcement issued by Shiraz Gendarmerie Division--no date given]

[Text] All officers and soldiers who served during 1977-78 are informed that, according to the order of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, the president, which was published and broadcasted by the media, they should contact the nearest gendarmerie headquarters for registration as of today. They should bring two 6 by 4 cm photographs, two copies of identity cards and one copy of their discharge papers.

[Signed] Shiraz Gendarmerie Division

Gendarmerie Statement

LD231044 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1000 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] The following statement was issued by the commander of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the border guards in the west and the southwest of the country:

In his exalted name. Self-sacrificing border guards of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the west and heroes of our future Islamic homeland, Iran. You, the vanguards of the nation and the guards of this land, who in your confrontation with the enemy are among the first persons to irrigate the sapling of our Islamic Revolution by sacrificing your blood: The imam of the nation and the great leader of the revolution and the Muslim nation of Iran has called the self-sacrificing border guards the soldiers of Islam and the soldiers of God.

It is up to you to try hard and by sacrificing yourselves in the path of God to demonstrate that you deserve this title.

It is up to you to teach a sharp lesson to the mercenary and puppet Iraqi Government and their masters of the left and right who, in order to make up for their former defeats, have engaged in a futile attempt, so that they may wake up and realize how our Islamic Revolution behaves toward the enemies of Islam Despite their past defeats they have not yet learned a lesson.

The Ba'thist Government of Iraq is digging its own grave. You should assist them in doing this. May God's grace and the prayers of the Muslim people of Iran support you on your path.

[Signed] Colonel Hasan-'Ali Foruzan, commander of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Fars Blackout Times

GF231050 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1011 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] An announcement by the Fars governor general:

Thanking our brave and courageous people of Fars in regard to the blackout orders, we request all factories, banks, government offices and industrial sites of Fars Province to cover all windows and doors so that light cannot be seen from outside. The blackout period will begin at 1800.

[Signed] Mohammad Nabi Habibi, Fars governor general

Khuzestan Warned of Invasion

GF231031 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1012 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Brothers and sisters, now that the Army of the Islamic Republic and the dear guards have tightened the grip on the mercenary Iraqi Army and are destroying their satanic positions on land, sea and in the air, it is the duty of every Muslim to help our brothers in all combat zones and prepare themselves to support them. The morning of victory is near. [brief passage of martial music]

Dear listeners, please pay attention. [repeated] According to information from the governor general's office, the puppet Iraqi Ba'thist regime intends to land forces in Khuzestan. It is the duty of the brave and Muslim people of the area to report any such movement immediately to the authorities. It is necessary that the heroic people of this land prepare to fight the enemy with Molotov cocktails and other defensive weapons and defend their Islamic homeland.

Shatt al-'Arab Closed

LD231112 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Sep 80

[From the news headlines]

[Text] The number of the Iraqi planes which have crashed on Iranian soil now totals 34. Two more pilots of the mercenary Iraqi Army have been captured by the brave forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The fighters of the Armed Forces of Iran have destroyed a considerable number of Iraqi MiG's in that country's bases.

Following attacks by the mercenary elements of the Iraqi Government at merchant ships of third-party countries sailing toward Iranian ports in Arvand Rud [Shatt al-'Arab] the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has declared the Arvand Rud canal [as heard] closed to all sea vessels.

Interior Ministry Statement No 5

LD231204 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] The fifth statement issued by the headquarters of Tehran's security stationed in the Ministry of Interior reads as follows:

Dear fellow citizens. By spreading rumors in the city such as on the bombardment of the bazaar and the destruction of gas pumps, and by threatening shopkeepers to close their ships, the counterrevolutionaries are trying to create tension, with the resulting gathering of crowds in front of bakeries, gas stations and supermarkets. We emphatically ask the respected fellow citizens to refrain from forming crowds or causing clashes by using their revolutionary patience and by observing Islamic manners. The conspiracies of the counterrevolutionaries will thus be neutralized.

It should be added that in some gas stations it is possible that only one or two pumps may be in use. This is due to safety and security reasons and there is no need to worry. We give an assurance that there is no shortage of food or fuel.

We request our fellow citizens to neutralize any conspiracy plans or clashes by using their revolutionary insight.

Interior Ministry Statement No 6

LD231216 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] The sixth statement issued by the security headquarters of the Interior Ministry reads as follows:

In His exalted name. According to reports reaching this headquarters, counterrevolutionary elements, associates of imperialism and international communism--whose social position is now more shaky than ever before, as they clearly understand that they have no base among the people--are, under present sensitive conditions, trying to divert the public of the martyr-rearing nation of Iran to make them pessimistic toward the security and military forces by distributing leaflets, spreading rumors and hanging and sticking placards in the streets.

Therefore, we ask the honorable and revolutionary nation of Iran to refrain from any form of clashes with these elements and counterrevolutionary individuals who have no other aim but to weaken the morale of personnel of the Army of the Islamic Republic, committees and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. We ask the nation to cooperate with the security forces, committee members and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps to recognize these elements and make them known to the responsible authorities. They can contact this headquarters by telephoning the following numbers: 538837 or 538021.

Motorcyclists To Avoid Night Trips

GF231040 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Announcement No 14 of the Kazerun coordination organization requests all motorcyclists to avoid trips at night.

Request for Abadan Casualty Reports

GF231200 Abadan Domestic Service in Persian 1153 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] All brave and heroic people of Abadan are asked to report any injured persons to the emergency department so they can be looked after. The telephone numbers are 25000, 25001, 22111 and the company's number, 6711.

[Signed] Citizens coordination headquarters

DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATIONS WITH U.S., HOSTAGES

AFP: Khomeyni To Release Hostages

PA221844 Paris AFP in English 1836 GMT 22 Sep 80

[Text] London, 22 Sep (AFP)--Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni has agreed to release the 52 American hostages within six weeks, according to the London-based, English-language Arab newspaper 8-DAYS.

In an article quoting its Middle East correspondent, the paper said that the ayatollah "has finally agreed with (former Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq) Qotbzadeh that the hostages should be released within the next six weeks in order to heal the country's deep economic and social wounds, and force a consensus on the two main rival factions in Tehran."

Without citing sources, the paper said that negotiations for the return of the 52 Americans taken hostage in November, 1979, would resume in early October "in a frantic race to beat the U.S. presidential election" in November, and to remove a possible handicap to the re-election of U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

The article said that three months of secret exchanges between Mr Qotbzadeh and the U.S. State Department produced "this new and sudden round of bargaining."

The alleged secret negotiations between Tehran and Washington began in June with a memorandum "drafted by European intermediaries," according to the article.

The weekly said that the document was never officially disclosed or accepted by Mr Qotbzadeh as U.S.-inspired, but "it did outline why a trial of the hostages might prove to be more harmful to Iran than to the U.S."

The Iranian minister repeated most of these arguments in a mid-August letter to the Majlis (parliament), which was released September 9, the article said.

In that letter, Mr Qotbzadeh "insisted on the deadline of November 4 to prevent the election of Ronald Reagan as the new U.S. president, a man seen as even more dangerous for Iran than President Carter," according to the article.

Majlis Deputies Debate Issue

LD231152 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1115 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Excerpt] At today's session of the Majlis discussions concerning the general issues related to the issue of the hostages, which had remained incomplete at the previous session, were continued. Akbar Parvaresh, deputy of the people of (?Esfahan), enumerated in a speech the arguments of those who are in favor of releasing the American spy hostages as well as those who are in favor of trying them.

He said: I believe the offensive attitude of the revolution should be maintained and that the hostages should be tried. If America continues in its actions, the offensive and revolutionary attitude of the nation should become more intense.

Mohammad Mohammadi, deputy of the people of Gorgan, spoke on the same issue, and while thanking the deputies and praising the position of the deputies, said: I deeply believe that the Majlis is anti-American and the slogan of "Death to America" is part of its nature and belief. I suggest that in the same way that we give tangible evidence to the slogan of "God is great, Khomeyni is the leader," we should also give tangible evidence to the slogan "Death to America."

He added: The trial of the hostages should be the trial of America, and at this trial not only the crimes of America in Iran should be mentioned, but we should also talk of American crimes throughout the world.

At the end of today's esssion, Ahmad 'Alizadeh, deputy of the people of Qa'em-Shahr, while referring to the recent incidents in this town, said: The people emphatically demand that the Islamic Consultative Assembly should decide the fate of the political hostages as soon as possible.

Majlis 'To Freeze' Issue

JN231202 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1135 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Text] Brothers and sisters: Cairo radio, which is one of Carter's trumpets, announced this morning that in commenting on the Iranian-Iraqi border incidents, Carter said that Iran would be confinced of the necessity of releasing the American hostages.

Carter thinks that the cowardly Ba'thist aggression will persuade the Islamic Republic to release the hostages. For your information, the Islamic Majlis today decided to freeze the hostages' issue during this period.

From the statement of the great despot, we clearly discern the reasons and motives behind the savage war which the backward Baghdad regime announced yesterday. The objectives of this war are clear. They were defined today by Carter.

But we would like to recall to memory that 3 days ago, Carter announced that the hostages' problem has entered a new deadlock and that the United States is seriously thinking of a plan to get the issue out of the deadlock. So, here is its plan being implemented by the isolationist government in Baghdad.

Brave Iraqi soldiers: Do not turn yourselves into tools for Carter's fiendish plans. Do not kill yourselves for the sake of Carter and Saddam's overlords, who are sitting leisurely in their places and sending Muslims to fight fellow Muslims. Direct your guns at the enemies of your people, the enemies of the nation--Carter and his agents. Rest assured that God is with you. He will support you and make you triumph over your enemies.

Tehran Denies Hostages Released

JN231320 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1216 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Baghdad Domestic Service and Baghdad Voice of the Masses radios have repeatedly broadcast the following report: Iran has released all of the U.S. hostages without condition. The release is part of a bargain with the Iranian regime.

This is what Baghdad Domestic Service and Baghdad Voice of the Masses radios said in their obvious and desperate campaign of lies. The Voice of the Islamic Revolution announces to those who may be deceived by such cheap lies that the U.S. hostages are still in the grip of the Iranian Revolution, pending a decision by the Islamic Majlis, giving Islam's fair opinion on them. The Islamic Majlis has just announced that the hostages issue has been completely frozen.

We repeat that despite the U.S.-European-Japanese blockade and Iraq's aggressions and provocations, the hostages are still in the grip of the Islamic Revolution.. Our dear Iraqi listener can imagine the extent of the lies and fallacies told by the Iraqi Ba'thist regime's media when they unscrupulously broadcast such a great and obvious lie without considering that this lie might later be exposed to the Iraqi and world public.

We know that the Iraqi regime's attacks on the Islamic Republic's territory are part of the Imperialist-Zionist pressure to release the U.S. hostages. Our dear Iraqi listener can now make his own judgement about the lies in the Iraqi regime's military statements--those that usually end with the words: and our planes returned safely to their bases--and compare them with the great lie told by Baghdad Domestic Service and Baghdad Voice of the Masses when they claimed that Iran has released the spy hostages.

A regime that is not ashamed to involve itself in an obvious lie like this one will naturally not be ashamed to accuse Muslim Iran and its heroic Islamic army of strafing residential areas in our steadfast Muslim Iraq.

Kinfolk, the chain of lies is short, no matter how skillful the liars are. If we were to remove all of the lies from what is broadcast by Baghdad Domestic Service and Baghdad Voice of the Masses, there would be nothing left to say.

O agent Saddam: Let your useless trumpets blow. Let your henchmen [words indistinct] whatever pleases you, o small pharaoh. Your ill-omened life is short. Therefore, find yourself a place in the Ar-rifa'i Mosqu [in Cairo], near the shah's grave.

Further Denial of Release

GF231338 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1145 GMT 23 Sep 80

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Lies and tendentious and stupid political analyses are characteristic of the Ba'thist information media in Beghdad. The Muslim Iraqi people are well aware of this fact.

Now, following the resistance of Islamic Iran against the United States and imperialism--a resistance that has dazzled the world--the lying Baghdad radio comes out with an ingenious theory that the confrontation of Iran and Islam against imperialism is nothing but an act, and that it is none other than Saddam Husayn who is imperialism's enemy.

The fact is that the Majlis in Iran, Islamic Iran, has totally frozen the issue of the spy hostages. All our brothers and kinsmen in Iraq know fully well who these charlatan oppressors are.

Be aware of the tricks of these evil men. These facts that expose their lies and fabrications should be spread among the people. Struggle until victory!

Baghdad Reports Hostage Release

For a Baghdad radio report that Iran announced on 23 September the release of the U.S. hostages "without conditions" and a brief Baghdad Radio comment on this alleged announcement, see the Iraq section of the 23 September Middle East and Africa DAILY REPORT.

SHAH'S SON REPORTEDLY TO DECLARE SELF SOVEREIGN

NC200722 Cairo MENA in Arabic 0655 GMT 20 Sep 80

[Text] Cairo, 20 Sep (MENA) -- In its Sunday edition, the magazine OCTOBER says that shah [as received] Reza Pahlavi is expected to be installed as the king of Iran in a speech which he will address to the Iranian people from Cairo. Immediately afterward, a government-in-exile will be formed consisting of his supporters and the military men and old politicians who have fled the Khomeyni regime. This will be an encouragement to the strong national elements supporting him among the Iranian people and the Iranian Army units.

Iranian Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi will reach the age of 20 in October. He will then become the king of Iran in accordance with the 1906 constitution which is still valid.

PARS REPORTS ISLAMIC AD-DA'WAH PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT

LD221008 Tehran PARS in English 0830 GMT 22 Sep 80

["Iraqi Party Dissuades Troops From Fighting Brother Moslems"--PARS headline]

[Text] Tehran, 22 Sep (PARS NEWS AGENCY)--The Party ad-Da'wah Islami yesterday called on Iraqi soldiers not to fight their Iranian Moslem brothers along the Iran-Iraqi borders and to desobey the orders of the Ba'thist government of Saddam Husayn.

In an announcement to the people of Iraq, the party likened the ruling Government of Iraq to that of Genghis Khan and said that Saddam Husayn's servile policies had made the Iraqi people slaves of the superpowers promoting the ends of Saddam's masters in this part of the world. It also referred to the tragic deaths of Seyyed Mohammad Baqia as-Sadr and his sister as an incident without precedence in the entire history of that country. It called on the Iraqi nation to exercise vigilance and caution lest they might be manipulated into being agents for "waging a filthy war" against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The party called on the Iraqi soldiers to defect into Iranian territories with their arms and ammunition and to respond to the message of their leader Imam Khomeyni by killing their commanders. The announcement said that members of the party would continue to shed their blood in this path until the Islamic forces eventually triumph.